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AT&T Contributes \$30,000 to Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University

Madison, NJ, July 30, 2014 – As part of its legacy of supporting educational programs focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines in New Jersey, AT&T contributed \$30,000 to the New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University.

"Companies across New Jersey, including AT&T, need candidates with strong STEM skills to grow and compete locally, regionally and globally," said J. Michael Schweder, president, AT&T Mid-Atlantic. "The Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University is one way we can prepare the next generation of technology leaders and help meet the growing demand for talented employees."

Through <u>AT&T Aspire</u>, the company's signature education initiative, AT&T is focused on school success and workforce readiness by creating new learning environments and educational delivery systems to help students succeed and prepare them to take on 21st century careers.

"We are grateful for AT&T's support of the Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University," said Rochelle Hendricks, Secretary of Higher Education. "The Governor's School is an academically rigorous program that challenges some of the best-prepared high school students in New Jersey to reach new levels of understanding about the sciences. AT&T has been a leader in recognizing how critically important it is for industry and academia to work together, and we look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship in the future."

The Governor's School of New Jersey was established in 1983. It is a tuition-free, summer, residential program for high-achieving high school seniors who have an interest in STEM subjects. Currently, there are two programs: the Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University and the Governor's School of Engineering & Technology at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The programs are open to students from public and private high schools statewide, including those who are home-schooled, from diverse economic backgrounds.

The mission of the Governor's School in the Sciences is to broaden students' appreciation and knowledge of science through exposure to a range of scientific topics and scientists. Students are introduced to scientific research via a hands-on research experience in an area of interest with the goal of inspiring young scholars to major in STEM fields in college. The Governor's School introduces

scholars to topics not typically covered in high schools. Students are introduced to like-minded peers who enjoy science and math as they do.

Eighty-five students from across New Jersey are enrolled in this summer's program, which began on July 13, 2014 and concludes on August 2, 2014.

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